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Mr. Stephen W. Holt NL Industries, Inc. Corporate Environmental Services P.O. Box 1090 Hightstown, N.J. 08520

Dear Mr. Holt:

On August 17, 1990, representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), NL Industries, Inc. (NL), EBASCO, and NL's consultant, O'Brien & Gere, met to discuss EPA's comments on the Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report, Volumes I & II, dated April 1990, for the NL Industries Superfund Site.

At the meeting and during subsequent conversations, EPA requested that O'Brien & Gere calculate NL site risks without using a reference does (RfD) for lead. Hence, the risks calculated for the site presented in the October 1990 RI report should be recalculated and presented without this value.

Furthermore, EPA reiterates its request made during the August meeting that the risk assessment include a potential future residential land-use scenario for adults and children.

NL's monthly progress report dated January 10, 1991 states that the final RI Supplement is scheduled for submission by April 1, 1991. The above mentioned risk assessment calculations must be included with this Supplement.

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Questions pertaining to the risk assessment may be addressed to Dr. Marina Stephanides at 212-264-2737. If you have any further questions on the above, please call Michael Gilbert of my staff at (212) 264-6418.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond Basso, Chief New Jersey Compliance Branch

cc: F. Hale, O'Brien & Gere

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